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At Convocation

President urges Initiates "to serve all with skill and fidelity"

In 1915, the American College of Surgeons adopted its official seal, which features the phrase, "omnibus per artem fedemque prodesse." Translated from the Latin, these words mean "to serve all with skill and fidelity," Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College noted during his Presidential Address last night at the Convocation ceremonies. "These broad guiding principles have served this College and surgical patients throughout the world for 87 years."

Dr. Bender provided numerous examples of how these words have driven the agenda of the College since its inception. For instance, the Clinical Congress, which actually preceded formation of the College, was established to help surgeons "elevate the quality of their practice." The College's dedication to improving care for surgical patients also served as the impetus for forming the College's Commission on Cancer and the construction of the National Cancer Data Base. It was the motivation for launching what Dr. Bender described as the development of "a very comprehensive set of clinical trials in the management of patients with neoplastic disease." Additionally, it was the catalyst for Charles Locke Scudder, MD, FACS, to form the Fractures Committee, now the Committee on Trauma, which "continues to be extremely active and very important throughout the world in the management of patients with traumatic injuries," Dr. Bender said, particularly through its Advanced Trauma Life Support courses.

Dr. Bender further noted that the first College committee was the Committee on Standardization of Surgery, which was responsible for formulating a minimum standard of requirements that every surgeon should possess. This program led to the establishment of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in 1952, or what is now known as the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The College, Dr. Bender added, is also a sponsoring member of almost all American boards of surgery and has a range of committees dedicated to reinforcing "the high standards necessary for achieving excellence in surgical education" and verifying that surgeons learn how to use new technology appropriately and safely.

Each of these programs "represents an enormous amount of work by volunteer surgeons who have chosen to participate," Dr. Bender said. "In doing so, they continue the original mission of the College and maintain the same high standards as our clinical methods evolve along this continuum of research and education."

Dr. Bender called upon each of the Initiates to become involved in the College and to keep surgical activism alive. He said that there are two areas that should be of particular concern to Fellows. One is "the problem of increasing fragmentation and specialization within the field of surgery," he said. The current emphasis on proficiency in one, "narrow part of the surgical world. . .is clearly desirable and serves mankind well. What it does not serve well is the medical profession in general and surgery in particular," Dr. Bender added. "The result is a loss of influence and respect from society, from government, and the capitalist marketplace."

Another issue that merits attention, not just from Initiates but from all physicians, is "the perceived decline in professionalism," Dr. Bender said. One possible contributing factor to the lower esteem in which the surgical profession is regarded by the public, industry, and the government is organized medicine's repeated emphasis on payment concerns. "It will continue to be important for the College to be involved in the resolution of these issues, but not at the cost of losing the respect of government and society by having surgical fees be our primary focus," he said.

Dr. Bender noted that the College's Washington Office does not focus its efforts on improving the bottom line for surgical practices but, rather, on playing a positive role in constructing a better health care system. "Commensurate with our historical mission, we are motivated not by financial interest, but by our desire to improve surgical care so we can provide all members of our society with access to the best surgical care that can be obtained," he said.

In order to enhance the image of surgery and continue to contribute a new and better health care system, Dr. Bender said the College needs to carefully look at membership requirements and ensure that all Fellows "behave in a manner that will allow government and industry to allow us to continue." He therefore suggested that the College continue its efforts in education and emphasize that learning "does not end with medical school and residency training, but continues throughout our professional lives." Toward this end, he said, the College should work with the boards of surgery to develop programs centered on a commitment to certifying surgical competency.

Finally, Dr. Bender indicated that surgeons need to do a better job of regulating themselves. "We must," he said, "convince society and industry that we can establish a fair and equitable system to ensure that members of our profession are, in fact, practicing at the high level of competence that we desire."

The complete text of Dr. Bender's Presidential Address will appear in the December issue of the ACS *Bulletin*, along with other Clinical Congress highlights.

Dr. Jones named ACS President-Elect

R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, of Charlottesville, VA, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates, which convened in McCormick Place South. Dr. Jones is S. Hurt Watts Professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville.

A Fellow of the College since 1975, Dr. Jones has served the ACS in numerous capacities. He has been a member of the Board of Governors (1991-1997); Surgical Forum Committee (1979-1984); Program Committee (1989-1991); Advisory Council for Surgery (1991-1997); and the Nominating Committee of Fellows (1998). In addition, Dr. Jones serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (*JACS*).

Dr. Jones earned a medical degree in 1961 from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. From 1962 to 1966, he was assistant resident in surgery and assistant instructor in surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. From 1967 to 1971, he served as clinical investigator and medical investigator for the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Francisco, CA, as well as assistant professor of surgery at the University of California, San Francisco.

From 1971 to 1981, Dr. Jones was associate professor and professor of surgery at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC. He began his tenure as S. Hurt Watts Professor and chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Virginia Health System in 1982.

His medical society memberships include the American Gastroenterological Association, Society for Surgical Oncology, American Surgical Association, Southern Surgical Association, Halstead Society, and the James IV Association of Surgeons. In 1986, he received the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Texas Medical Branch.

In addition to *JACS*, Dr. Jones serves on the editorial boards of the *Annals of Surgery*, *Surgical Gastroenterology*, *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, *American Surgeon*, and *Digestive Surgery*.

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Dr. Jones

By Board of Governors

ACS Regents and Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has elected L. D. Britt, MD, FACS, Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, and John T. Preskitt, MD, FACS, Regents of the College.

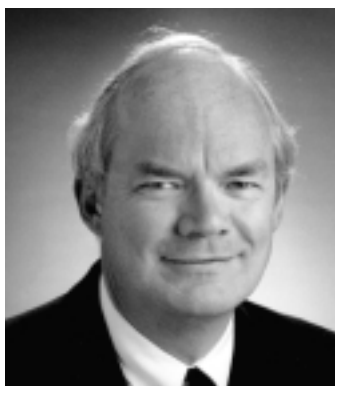
Dr. Britt is currently Brickhouse Professor and chairman, department of surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA. He has served as Chair, ACS Regional Committees on Trauma, since 1998, and on the Publications Subcommittee of the Committee on Trauma since 1992. Dr. Britt has also served on the ACS Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools, and as a Young Surgeon Representative. He will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Finley is professor and head, department of surgery, Vancouver (BC) Hospital and Health Sciences Centre. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors (1990-1995, Chair 1993-1995) and the Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools. Dr. Finley will serve a one-year unexpired term as Regent.

Dr. Fischer is chairman, department of surgery, and associate dean, community affairs, University of Cincinnati (OH). He has served as a Governor (1992-1997) and as First Vice-President of the College (1998-1999). Dr. Fischer has been a member of the Advisory Council for General Surgery, Professional Liability Committee of the Board of Governors, Surgical Research and Education Committee, Committee on Preoperative and Postoperative Care, SESAP Committee, the General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee, and the ACS Program Committee. Dr. Fischer will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Preskitt is attending surgeon, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX. He has served as Chair of the Board of Governors' Committee on Chapter Activities (1997-2000), and as a member of the Board of Regents' ad hoc Committee on Women's Issues. Dr. Preskitt will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Britt


Dr. Finley

Dr. Fischer

Dr. Preskitt

Reelected to additional three-year terms as Regents were Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS; Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS; Edward R. Laws, Jr.; MD, FACS; Mary H. McGrath, MD, FACS; and Ronald E. Rosenthal, MD, FACS.

The Board of Governors elected Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS, to a second one-year term as Chair of its Executive Committee; J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS, to a second one-year term as Vice-Chair; and William F. Sasser, MD, FACS, to a third one-year term as Secretary.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

2000-2003 (unless otherwise noted)
David Wisner, California; James Macho, California; Kent Yamaguchi, California; William Schecter, California; Jeffrey Doty, California; Stephen Mathes, California (two-year unexpired term); Demetri Demetriades, California; Edward Phillips, California; Kenneth Waxman, California; John German, California; Michael Peetz, Colorado; John Russell, Connecticut; Rafael Zaragoza, Delaware; Richard Karl, Florida; Richard Lynn, Florida; Daryl Wier, Florida; Steven Wexner, Florida; Martin Dalton, Georgia; Max Hammer, Illinois; Richard Prinz, Illinois; Dennis Pessis, Illinois; Pedro Poma, Illinois; James Madura, Indiana; Peter Jochimsen, Iowa; Douglas Milfeld, Kansas; Carl Bredenberg, Maine; Laurance Hill, Maryland; John Singer, Maryland; James Menzoian, Massachusetts; Andrew Warshaw, Massachusetts; Alfred Chang, Michigan; Krishna Sawhney, Michigan; Hugh Gamble, Mississippi; Robert Hurd, Montana; Howard Mussell, Wyoming; Joseph Thornton, Nevada; John Donahue, New Jersey; William Rough, New Jersey; Stephen Haynes, New Mexico; Bruce Walsh, New York; Richard Burg, New York; Joseph Cali, New York; Kenneth Mattucci, New York; Thomas Raftery, New York; Donna Pietrocola, New York; Stuart Todd, North Carolina; Steven Hamar, North Dakota; Margaret Dunn, Ohio; E. Christopher Ellison, Ohio; Gary Williams, Ohio; Mark Malangoni, Ohio; James Lockhart, Oklahoma; Jonathan Rhoads Jr., Pennsylvania; John Clarke, Pennsylvania; Christopher Daly, Pennsylvania (two-year unexpired term); Frank Schaberg, Rhode Island; Calvin Morgan, Tennessee; Kenneth Sirinek, Texas; Anatolio Cruz, Texas; Carlos Miranda-Rueda, Texas; Richard Symmonds, Texas; Richard Andrassy, Texas; James Valentine, Texas; John Winter, Texas; William Turney, Texas; George Parker, Virginia; Roger King, West Virginia; John Tanner, Manitoba; James Parrott, New Brunswick; Scott McClellan, Newfoundland; William Thurlow, Prince Edward Island; Krishna Kumar, Saskatchewan.

Specialty Governors

Robert Buchanan, American Association for Hand Surgery; Volker Sonntag, American Association of Neurological Surgeons; Richard Holt, American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery (one-year unexpired term); James Kellam, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Kenneth Mattox, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; Fred Crawford, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; Philip Disaia, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Kevin Robbins, American Head and Neck Society; Barrett Haik, American Ophthalmological Society; Patrick O'Leary, Association of Program Directors in Surgery; David Vanderpool, American Society of General Surgeons; David Smith, American Society for Surgery of the Hand; Julie Freischlag, Association of VA Surgeons; Margaret Kemeny, Association of Women Surgeons; Stephen Cruikshank, Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Timothy Fabian, Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma; Willard Stawski, Midwest Surgical Association; Harold Bohman, Department of the Navy; Eddie Hoover, National Medical Association; Larry Hollier, Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery; Kenneth Sharp, Southeastern Surgical Congress; William Cromie, Society for Pediatric Urology; Courtney Townsend, Southern Surgical Association; David Eisele, Society of University Otolaryngologists; William Cioffi, Society of University Surgeons; Jerome Richie, Society of University Urologists; Steven Guyton, Western Thoracic Surgical Association.

International Governors

Edward Cheuck-Seen, China; Norman Browse, England; Jean Flament, France; Albercht Encke, Germany; Eduardo Molina-Fuentes, Guatemala (two-year unexpired term); Arjun Sehgal, India; Soo Pai, Korea; Kenneth Boffard, Republic of South Africa; S. Sancho-Fornos, Spain.

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In other actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named Kathryn D. Anderson, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA, as First Vice-President-Elect, and Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, Oakland, CA, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Organ

Dr. Anderson is surgeon-in-chief, department of surgery, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, CA. She has served as Secretary of the College since 1992. She has also been a member of the Advisory Councils for Surgical Specialties.

Dr. Organ is chair of the surgery residency program and professor in the department of surgery at the University of California, Davis-East Bay. He has been a member of the ACS Commission on Cancer and the International Relations Committee. Dr. Organ is also the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award--the highest honor accorded by the American College of Surgeons.

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Murray F. Brennan receives Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award–the highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons–was presented to Murray F. Brennan, MD, FACS, of New York, NY, yesterday afternoon during the College's Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates. Dr. Brennan received the award for his extraordinary achievements in enhancing understanding of tumor biology, in evaluating the proper role of surgery and other therapies in caring for patients with cancer, and for training young surgeons and serving as a mentor nonpareil in developing surgical scientists.

Dr. Brennan has served the College in numerous capacities since becoming a Fellow in 1977. He is a former Chair of the Commission on Cancer and of the Surgical Forum Committee. He has served in an executive role on the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee and the Cancer Management Course Committee. He is currently a member of the Fellows Leadership Society and the International Relations Committee. He is also Chair of the Sarcoma Committee as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group.

Dr. Brennan received a medical degree from the University of Otago in 1964. In 1970, he began advanced laboratory and clinical work at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and the Joslin Research Laboratories. After residency training at the Brigham, Dr. Brennan joined the National Cancer Institute, where he was the head of the surgical metabolism section.

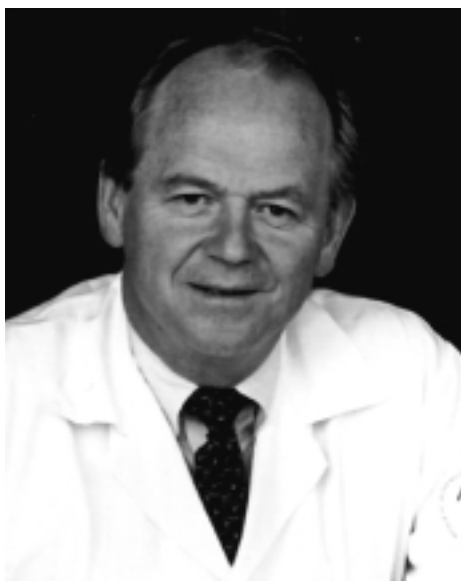
In 1981, Dr. Brennan joined Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, as chief of gastric and mixed tumor service; in 1985, he became chair of the department of surgery. In 1994, Sloan-Kettering established the Murray F. Brennan Chair in Surgery. Dr. Brennan currently continues his world-renowned work at Sloan-Kettering where he remains surgery department chair and is the Benno C. Schmidt Chair in Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Brennan's career further includes outstanding service to his alma mater, the University of Otago, and for nearly two decades he has been professor of surgery at Cornell University.

Throughout much of his distinguished career, Dr. Brennan has been a leader in organized surgery. He served as president of the Society of Clinical Surgery (1992-1994); as vice-president (1993-1994) and president (1995-1996) of the Society of Surgical Oncology; and as examiner, director, and committee chairman of the American Board of Surgery. He has played an active executive role in the Society of University Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, the James IV Association of Surgeons, and dozens of other societies, foundations, and committees.

Dr. Brennan has edited six books, served on the editorial boards of over 20 journals, and published over 700 manuscripts. Internationally, he has served the boards of journals in Brazil, Argentina, Europe, and Australia and New Zealand. His leadership in the United States includes serving as associate editor for the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* and the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*.

Dr. Brennan has been recognized internationally as a surgical scholar, earning honorary fellowships from the Colleges of Surgeons of Brazil, Ireland, Australia, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Canada, and England, honorary degrees from Goteborg, and Otago, and appointment to the Institute of Medicine of the United States. Recently, Dr. Brennan received the rare accolade of being elected an honorary member of the Academy of Medicine of Brazil.



Dr. Brennan

The College's Board of Regents is pleased to recognize Dr. Brennan's outstanding contributions by naming him the 2000 recipient of its highest honor.

Allied Meetings

Friday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Website Committee
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, McCormick Boardroom, Floor Four

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Pre-agenda Meeting
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, PDR 6, Floor Third

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Executive Council
5:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 4A, Floor Four

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 16,664; 9,005 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

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Distinguished Service Award recipients gathered for a luncheon on Tuesday. From left to right (front row): LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., James C. Thompson, Frank Padberg, Vallee L. Willman, S. Stuart Mally, and Harris B. Shumacker, Jr. Back row: Edwin W. Gerrish, John O. Gage, C. Barber Mueller, Robert E. Hermann, Barry M. Manuel, Claude H. Organ, Jr., and C. Thomas Thompson.